## Land, Forestry, Parks and Zoning Committee Meeting Minutes April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 12:30 pm

Members Present:

Others:

Scott Wilhorn

Brian Loyd

Joe Lally

Ashley Thompson

Jerry Niles

Pat Cowan

Jack Jasinski

Dave Donnelly

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 pm by Scott Wilhorn.

- 1. Approval of Minutes
  - The March minutes were approved on a Jasinski/Lally motion.
- 2. Review Vouchers
  - Vouchers were reviewed and discussed. Vouchers were approved on a Niles/Lally motion.
- 3. Land Sales of Tax Delinquent Properties
  - No land sale bids were received.
- 4. Minimum Age for Limited Term Employees
  - Brian Loyd discussed the need to lower the age limit for hiring summer limited term employees to help maintain county campgrounds and staff the park offices. It has become more difficult in recent years to find enough summer help who meet the 18 year old age limit to staff the parks. The 18 year old limit also results in fewer years LTE's will return to the park jobs because of better employment options or college internship requirements. The Personnel Committee approved lowering the age limit to 17 during their morning meeting.
  - A Jasinski/Lally motion to approve lowering the age requirement to as low as 16 for candidates who meet the qualifications and have a valid driver's license passed.
- 5. Zoning Department Annual Report
  - Dave Donnelly presented the Zoning Department Annual Report for 2021. Dave discussed the trends being seen in the Zoning Department over the last year, including impacts from new growth and

construction. Most categories of permits have been continuing on an upward trend. Septic system permits and building permits were well up in 2021 and Department revenue increased by approximately \$5,000.

• The WI Fund program, a rebate for funding septic systems for low income families, sunsetted last year in 2021. No other program is available at this time.

## 6. Administrator's Report:

- <u>Trails</u> No trail news to report.
- Parks Park & campground early spring prep work is beginning.
- Forest Two timber sales are active on the County Forest in Armenia.

## 7. Adjourn

- The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm on a Jasinski/Wilhorn motion.
- The next meeting will be held 12:30 pm, Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at the Forestry, Parks and Zoning Building.